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SUMMARY. IN MEDIA INTERVIEWS, SADAT VIEWS CAIRO

CONFERENCE AND PEACE STRATEGY: HE WILL DISCUSS OVERALL

SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAELIS BUT OTHER PARTIES MUST WORK OUT

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DETAILS WITH ISRAEL THEMSELVES. U.S. PRAISED. SOVIETS,

SYRIANS, REJECTIONISTS MAULED, ISRAEL CAUTIONED NOT TO

BE STUBBORN. SIGNS OF IMPATIENCE WITH JORDAN AND HINT

THAT GOE HAS HOPES FOR ALGERIA. END SUMMARY.

1. LEADING PEACE PROCESS COVERAGE DEC 2 WERE SADAT INTER-
VIEWS WITH U.S. TV NETWORKS AND PARIS MATCH. MOST INTER-

ESTING POINTS WERE IMPLICATION THAT CAIRO CONFERENCE COULD TURN INTO SUBSTITUTE FOR GENEVA (SEPTEL) AND SADAT'S EXPLORATION OF PEACE PROCESS STRATEGY. BANNER HEADLINES DEVOTED TO COMMENTS ON SOVIETS AND REJECTIONISTS AS WELL.

2. PEACE STRATEGY. SADAT SAID POST-PROCEDURAL TALKS WITH ISRAEL WOULD CENTER ON COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT BECAUSE ISRAEL-EGYPT DISPUTE ONLY PART OF GENERAL CONFLICT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

HE AT PAINS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT HE AND ISRAEL WOULD SEEK AGREE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES BUT THAT DETAILS WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED INDIVIDUALLY BY EACH PARTY. HIS MAIN INTEREST, ACCORDING SADAT, WAS DISCUSSION OF WITHDRAWAL ON ALL FRONTS AND SOLUTION OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION. (COMMENT: SADAT IN EFFECT SEEMS TO BE SAYING THAT FOLLOWING ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS OTHER COUNTRIES FREE TO JOIN IN PEACE PROCESS AND MAKE WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS WITH ISRAEL THEY WISH BUT, BY SAME TOKEN, HE WILL BE FREE CONCLUDE HIS OWN AGREEMENT.)

3. USSR. AHAM PLAYED UP SADAT ASSURANCE THAT "SOVIETS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OBSTRUCT PEACE IF IT DESIRED BY ALL PARTIES", BUT NOTED SADAT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOVIETS WOULD ATTEND CAIRO CONFERENCE ANYWAY. USSR EXCORIATED AT LENGTH IN EDITORIALS ON SOVIET EVIL INTENTIONS TOWARDS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARABS THROUGH ITS "STOOGES", SPECIFICALLY SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM.

4. REJECTIONISTS. SADAT'S SCORN FOR REJECTIONISTS WAS FEATURED BY GUMHURIYYA, WHICH LED HIS CALL TO "DISREGARD REJECTIONIST CONFERENCES". SADAT SAID ONLY FOUR OF TWENTY-ONE ARAB LEAGUE STATES OPPOSE HIS INITIATIVE-- SYRIA, LIBYA, IRAQ AND ALGERIA, AND ALGERIAN ATTITUDE UNCLEAR. (PDRY OVERLOOKED FOR REASONS UNKNOWN BUT FOREMENTIONED REPRESENT NON-DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP WHICH IN SADAT VIEW, KEEP THEIR PEOPLE INTENTIONALLY MISINFORMED AND DO NOT REPRESENT THEIR OWN PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR PEACE.) AHAM COLUMNIST ALSO LABELED SADAT TRIP TO JERUSALEM AS "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM ALL FORCES WHICH TRY TO CAPITALIZE ON ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT AND THEIR OWN INTERESTS."

5. MEANWHILE, EDITORIALS TOOK PLEASURE IN COMPETITION BETWEEN TRIPOLI AND BAGHDAD, AT SAME TIME CLUCKING THEIR TONGUES OVER PALESTINIAN SCHIZOPHRENICS: "DIVIDED BETWEEN AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT ON JUST AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WHILE CONCURRING WITH REJECTIONISTS ON OBSTRUCTING OVER-

TURES LEADING TO GENEVA."

6. PALESTINIANS. SADAT TOLD PARIS MATCH THAT "TRUE PALESTINIANS ARE THOSE HE MET IN JERUSALEM. NOT THOSE WHO BOW TO SOVIETS AND SQUANDER FUNDS OF ARAB CAUSE IN NIGHT CLUBS." PALESTINIANS WHO LIVE AMONG "OUR PEOPLE" MUST RESPECT US AND OUR STATE. "IF PALESTINIANS WANT TO PARTICIPATE AT CAIRO CONFERENCE THEY ARE WELCOME AND MUST NAME THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES.

7. ISRAEL. SADAT PROMISED AMERICAN NETWORKS HE WOULD INFORM THE WORLD IF ISRAEL REVERTED TO OLD STAND AND BECAME STUBBORN IN REFUSAL RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. HIS TRACKS CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY PRESS WHICH BUOYED BY PROSPECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT ISRAELI DOMESTIC OPPOSITION WOULD TEMPER BEGIN HARD-

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LINE. AHRAM EDITORIAL DECLARED "THAT ISRAEL MUST DO SOMETHING TO ASSURE THE WORLD OF ITS SINCERE INTENTIONS TO MAKE PEACE AND MUST TRANSLATE THESE INTENTIONS INTO DEFINITE, SCIENTIFIC BEHAVIOR AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS WHICH INVITE STUDY AND DISCUSSIONS."

8. U.S. SADAT AGAIN AFFIRMED THAT U.S. ROLE NOT DIMINISHED BY HIS PEACE INITIATIVE. PRESIDENT CARTER, "AN HONEST MAN" HOLDS 99 PERCENT OF CARDS AND "WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEAVE HIS FINGER PRINTS ON HISTORY."

9. JORDAN. SHOWING IMPATIENCE WITH JORDAN, AKHBAR REPORTED HUSSEIN PRESS CONFERENCE UNDER HEADLINE "CONFLICTING STATEMENTS BY HUSSEIN". SAW ANOMALY IN HUSSEIN'S PRAISE FOR SADAT'S COURAGE AND HIS OWN REFUSAL ALIGN HIMSELF WITH REJECTIONISTS, AND HIS RENEWED EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE WITH SADAT INITIATIVE. MEANWHILE AFP REPORTING THAT HUSSEIN WILL ARRIVE CAIRO DEC 3.

10. ALGERIA. SADAT STATEMENT THAT ALGERIAN POSITION UNCLEAR NOTABLE. AHRAM EDITOR GAMAL, COMMENTING ON LIKELIHOOD THAT OPPOSITION TO SADAT DOOMED TO FAIL, WROTE THAT ALGERIAN PREOCCUPATION WITH INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND OTHER PROBLEMS IMPEDES ITS "SERIOUS PARTICIPATION" IN OTHER MATTERS. GAMAL ALSO RECALLED BOUTEFLIKA STATEMENT OF JULY 11, 1973 TO EFFECT THAT THERE POSSIBILITY FOR DIRECT ISRAELI-PLO TALKS LEADING TO BROTHERLY MULTI-RACIAL, MULTI-CONFESSIONAL STATE "WITHIN PALESTINIAN BORDERS." IN RUMOR CATEGORY, MUST PLACE FRENCH EMBOFF COMMENT, PRESUMABLY BASED ON DIPLOMATIC REPORTING FROM TRIPOLI AND ALGIERS, THAT BOUMEDIENE WILL VISIT CAIRO AFTER TRIPOLI CONFERENCE.

11. MOROCCO. IN BRIEF REPORT, PAPERS CLAIMED IN MEETING WITH SADAT WEDNESDAY, NOV 30, BOUCETTA AND DLIMI INFORMED PRESIDENT OF SUPPORT OF KING HASSAN AND MOROCCAN PEOPLE FOR SADAT'S COURAGEOUS SERVICE OF ARAB AND PALESTINIAN CAUSE. EILTS

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